





### Evacuation after chemical scare at fire station

DELIVERY Three homes behind a southwest fire station were evacuated after the bomb squad was called when a man delivered miscellaneous chemicals and powders, wishing to safely discard them, according to fire department officials.

Around 11:30 a.m. Thursday, the materials were dropped off at Fire Station 24 at 2607 — 106 Ave. SW and the products were identified as possible explosives by firefighters.

Adjacent streets were closed while the cardboard boxes were escorted to the middle of the fire station's tarmac, where they were detonated.

No injuries were reported.

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### Will you get the flu vaccine?

Those who risk not getting shot being 'foolhardy,' says U of C specialist

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### University of Calgary disease experts are getting their H1N1 vaccinations—are you?

The Canadian government approved H1N1 vaccines this week and the Alberta Health Services will dole the shots out Monday.

U of C infectious disease specialist Howard Ceri said some are concerned about risks but he said he be-

risks, but he said he believes the benefits far outweigh any consequences. "There is always a risk anytime you put something into your body, but the chance of anything happening is one in a million and if people risk not taking the vaccine, I would say they are being foolhardy," Ceri said, adding he is "waiting for his."

"We are lucky science has allowed us the chance to make vaccines, and that's what they are here for, to fight disease."

However, Kathy Czar, a cattle rancher from Hanna, Alta., said she is one of a growing population against vaccines after researching **45%** 

The percentage of Canadians who said they would not take the pandemic shot, according to a Canadian Press Harris-Decima Poll. The same percentage of Canadians said they will take the shot during the poll.

medical science for the past six years.

six years.
"I will not be getting it.
And I think people should
do more research before
they buy into stuff like this.
I think people have their

blinders on," she said, noting concern about associated health risks.

Czar said a "vaccination awareness tour" in Alberta this week reinforced her opinion about vaccinations.

However, Ceri said the undue fear of the vaccine is the real hazard.

"Why are you scared of

something that is going to help you?"

Mark Sampson of Calgary said despite the controversy, he will be in line to get his shot.

"I figure I will take my chances. The chances of getting the flu is higher than

### **H1N1** tweets

emetrocalgary I'm getting one because as much as the vaccine is so new, concern over the virus is undeniable. #h1n1

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the chances of anything happening to me with the shot," he said.

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Underwood's man dishes

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Wearing the Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch relay outfit, Greek torchbearer Vassilis Dimitriadis receives an olive branch from Greek actress Maria Nafpliotou, playing the role of the high priestess, during an Olympic flame ceremony in the Ancient Stadium in Ancient Olympia, Greece, Thursday.

### Security to be reviewed

HOSTAGES As police charged a man accused of taking nine hostages at the Workers' Compensation Board in Edmonton, people were questioning how a gunman managed to get inside a building protected by a security system and guards.

Patrick Charles Clayton, 38, was arrested Wednesday night after a 10hour police standoff that forced the evacuation of more than 700 people in the city's downtown core.

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach praised officers for peacefully resolving the standoff but said Thursday his government will review how such a hostage-taking could happen.

"I am sure that the Edmonton Police Service, our own security detail, the sheriffs and also the solicitor general and justice minister will be looking at what had happened, and then ... ensure that it doesn't happen in the future." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Local



### A show for the ladies

It's a Fair to Remember at the 27th annual Calgary Woman's Show this weekend. Round up the girls and enjoy a weekend of affordable fun on Saturday and Sunday at the Stampede Park Round-Up Centre. Special guests include Billy Miller of The Young and the Restless, left. For more information and tickets please visit www.calgarywomansshow.com. METRO CALGARY

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### Calgary in brief

**ARREST** Turner Valley RCMP have charged a 41-year-old man with sexually assaulting a preteen girl who is a ward of the province. Officers from the Turner Valley RCMP were approached by citizens of a reserve earlier this month, said Cpl. Terry Hamelin. They were concerned about a possible relationship between the girl and a man who was serving house arrest. METRO CALGARY

### **Calgary Tweets**

**@missvictoria** And as a perwho 🔰 6 avoids line ups \*nearly\* all costs, I'm not sure how i feel about lining up to get #H1N1 shot here in #yyc.

 @Kyle\_R The leader of the Wildrose Alliance is a Libertarian? If she doesnt believe in government Does that mean she doesn't believe in herself?#yyc

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### Not your normal homework

High school students take part in constructing a house

KRISTA SYLVESTER

Knowing his dad was proud was the icing on the cake for a Calgary high school student who helped to build a home in the city's southwest.

Jack James High School student Austin Praeste-gaard, 17, jumped at the chance to construct a home with his classmates and Homes by Avi through a 10year partnership with the homebuilding company.

"My dad does carpentry and what I want to do eventually is work with him at his business. So I was really happy he was impressed," Praestegaard said.

Another student, Shaun Gravelle, 18, said he might go into the homebuilding industry after school.

"It was really fun to get a chance to learn some new things," he said. "I really en-joyed it."

A group of high school students got the chance to help build the Silverado home inside and out.



Jack James High School students Shaun Gravelle, left, Gary Nicol, and Austin Praestgaard show off their house renovation skills. The students helped build a home in Silverado.

Homes by Avi construction manager Doug Beach said the partnership with the school provides both sides with invaluable expe-

"Really, we're the lucky ones to work with these

students and some of them will be the future of homebuilding, hopefully company, with our Beach said.

"It's great to work with them hands-on and be able to help guide them and expose them to the industry. There are so many different things they can do within the homebuilding industry."

Profits from the house go back into the school program for future projects. Pot seized after car with 3 kids in back stopped by cops

#### **CHARGES** An

overwhelming smell of marijuana allegedly led RCMP to over \$100,000 in drugs and the seizure of three children during a routine Check Stop.

RCMP Sgt. Dave Hardy said officers were conducting an Alberta Check Stop on Highway 1 near Lake Louise on Tuesday when officers noticed a "very strong" smell of marijuana coming out of the car.

"What's unique is there were three children in the back seat," Hardy

"Common sense says that isn't very medically safe to expose children to in a confined area.'

The children, aged one, five and six, were taken into custody by Alberta Children Services where they remain.

In total, 15 pounds of marijuana was seized from the car.

A 31-year-old male and 32-year-old-female, both from Calgary, will appear in Banff Provincial Court on Dec. 7 to face charges stemming from the inci-KRISTA SYLVESTER

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### City to take note of what buskers have to say

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Music has become the livelihood for Todd Anderson, after he was laid off earlier this year from his job as a machinist.

Anderson, 37, an on-andoff resident of Calgary for 12 years, now picks his acoustic guitar on Stephen Avenue as a busker, and he hopes the city continues to recognize the cultural

and artistic significance street musicians have in the downtown core.

"If you've got something to offer, why not let people see it? don't see why you should have a permit Todd Anderson to play music any-where, if it's on your own time," he said.

The city has organized a forum Nov. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the

auditorium in Bankers Hall where buskers will be able to share their views and make recommendations on city policy.

"We're trying to find the right bal-

ance between giving performers the environment they want to showcase their art and entertain the public while ensuring some level of control over noise levels safety," said Brian Dorscht, an event co-ordinator with the city.

Anderson believes the forum is a good idea.

"I think it's probably the only way you can go about it - otherwise it's just going to be the bylaw cops against us," he said.



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Man charged after homeowner stabbed in break-in

One man has been charged and police are seeking another after a homeowner was stabbed during a home invasion Wednesday night in the city's northeast. The victim is recovering in hospital. Abdul Majid Tony Fares, 21, faces charges in relation to the incident. METRO CALGARY

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Karen Fosado, left, and Kerry Powell raise their bikes high overhead during Thursday's launch for the Ride to Conquer Cancer campaign on Stephen Avenue.

### Cycling for a cause

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#### Karen Fosado is prepping for another weekend-long biking adventure in memory of her dad.

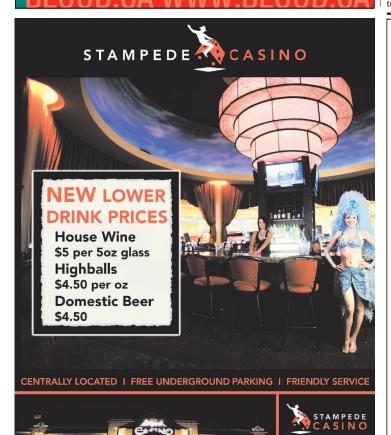
Fosado, whose father died of a brain tumour last year, joined more than 100 other cyclists for Thursday's Ride to Conquer Cancer awareness event on Stephen Avenue, that was also undertaken in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. The ride isn't until June. But Fosado, who's riding with a team called the Ride for Rosie — in support of her cousin, Stan, and his wife's battle with ovarian cancer — said training and fundraising begins now.

"It's very challenging — a lot of hard work and a lot of training — but in the end it such a huge feeling of accomplishment," said Fosado. "I know that my dad is with me the whole way and he's probably feeling pretty proud of me."

The Alberta Ride to Conquer Cancer raised \$7 million in the inaugural 2008 ride, and Alberta Cancer Foundation CEO Linda Mickelson said a great cycling community drives the event's success.

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New Brunswick took the lead on the rollout of the swine flu immunization program Wednesday when it began giving shots to some health-care workers assigned to administer the vaccination to the public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Canada

### PM's no fan of Canadian news

What to make of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's declaration that he doesn't watch Canadian news? This is what Harper told a Toronto business audience Wednesday: "I watched the last several elections in the United States very closely. The fact that I tend to watch mainly American news, because I don't like to watch Canadian news and hear what Allan (Gregg, a pollster and CBC pundit) and everybody else is saying about me, so my hobby is to watch politics elsewhere."

#### **News** in brief

LANGUAGE Canada's top court struck down a Quebec language law limiting immigrants' access to English school in a decision that quickly reverberated throughout the province Thursday. It only took minutes for the Quebec government to respond with a promise to replace the law. The province's separatist opposition even questioned the legitimacy of the Supreme Court of Canada, asking how "a court named by another nation" could be allowed to dictate language policy. POLYGAMY The B.C.

POLYGAMY The B.C. government will ask the B.C. Supreme Court to weigh in on the country's polygamy laws. B.C. Attorney General Mike de Jong says Canadians and the justice system need clarity about whether the federal law barring multiple marriages is constitutional. The government decided to seek the B.C. Supreme Court opinion rather than appeal an earlier ruling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Toronto **PETA** power



Canadian starlet and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson put her star power to work hosting an intimate and exclusive gathering Thursday in support of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) at the trendy Ultra club in Toronto.

# Pulling troops won't end war, Hillier says

Be wary of politians, says ex-chief of defence staff

Pulling Canadian soldiers from Afghanistan in 2011 will leave a gaping hole in security efforts and won't necessarily ensure the end of combat operations, former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier says.

As MPs prepare to debate the future of the country's military mission in Afghanistan, Hillier delivered some plain-spoken advice: Don't trust the twisted rhetoric and outright lies that will surely be delivered by the government.

There will still be a need for security and counter-insurgency operations when Canada's current mandate expires in 2011, he said. If experienced Canadian

### Reprisal

The Conservative government looked at the possibility of taking day-to-day control of the mission in Kandahar away from the military and giving the authority to direct troops in the field to Canada's ambassador.

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troops leave Kanadhar, some other nation, likely less familiar with the local terrain and power brokers, will have to do the job.

Hillier also said there's no need for Canadian troops, except in Kandahar or the northeast, and there's no way Canada can carry out a goodwill mission without encountering

violence.
"If you stay in the south and try to do something like training, you will still be in combat. I don't care what (political) staffers say in the media about how they can find a way to do it," Hillier said.

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Transgendered applicant rebuffed by the military A 31-year-old transgendered applicant to the Canadian Forces has been told he cannot work for the military until he gets male genitals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### **Canadian missionary** faces Haiti sex charge

**Authorities in the Domini**can Republic have arrested a Canadian missionary on charges of sexually abusing teenage boys, a report says

The report in the online edition of the Dominican newspaper Hoy says Joao Jose Correira Duarte is a Portuguese-born orphanage administrator.

He was arrested Tuesday at a hotel in the resort city of Puerto Plata.

The report says he faces 12 sexual assault charges relating to the alleged abuse of teenage boys in

### Haiti's plight

 Authorities have arrested a number of men in recent years accused of taking advantage of the deep poverty in Haiti to abuse children. Haiti has the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS outside of Africa. Sex tourism and lack of health education led to the beginning of the epidemic in the early 1980s.

neighbouring Haiti.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs would only confirm a Canadian citi-

and it released no other details.

Rolando Rosado Mateo, national drug control agency chief in the Dominican, says Duarte began working in Haiti in

He was arrested under a Canadian warrant and was to be extradited to Canada.

The report in the Dominican newspaper says Duarte was also known as John.

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### Bush burned in effigy as he visits Montreal

PROTEST As George W. Bush joked with a business crowd inside a Montreal hotel ballroom Thursday, hundreds of people outside cheered while he was being burned in effigy.

Police in riot gear and others on horseback held back a crowd of hundreds, including several people who tossed shoes at the hotel in a demonstration of disdain for the former U.S. president speaking inside. Nearly 1,000 people paid

\$400 to hear Bush speak. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The Conservatives' rolling advertisement rides the rails.

### All aboard! Tory train is set to roll

**PROMOTION** Some Torontoarea commuters were to be taken for a ride Friday by the Economic Action Plan express. The Tory government has spent more than \$46,000 to turn

two GO train cars into rolling adverts for its stimulus spending program. Liberal MP Kirsty Duncan said the government is "fixated" on promoting TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**OLYMPICS** Vancouver's police chief says there'll be no Beijing-style protest corrals at the 2010 Olympics.

Nor will police enter homes to remove anti-Olympic signs.

Chief Jim Chu is trying to quell a backlash over a bylaw the city says is

aimed at so-called guerrilla marketers trying to horn in on Olympic publicity.

But critics have launched a lawsuit, saying the bylaw will limit the right to protest and allow officials to enter private homes to confiscate protest signs.

Chu says his officers will

be on hand only to keep the peace if bylaw officers get a warrant to remove unauthorized advertising.

As for demonstrations, Chu says there are no designated protest zones and people are free to gather in areas visible to Olympic venues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Chief talks on native healing

Some wary of vaccine: Official

Cases of swine flu vaccine are being rushed to Manitoba's hardest-hit reserves, but a grand chief says some aboriginals won't participate in Canada's largest immunization campaign.

David Harper, who represents Manitoba's northern First Nations, said some feel the H1N1 vaccine has been pushed through too quickly, while others prefer to rely on traditional medicine.

"There are some that are reluctant," he said Thursday. "They need more information ... There are some that are steadily going toward traditional medicine. There are certain medicines that can help you, that will not stop it, but ... will strengthen your immune system."

Reluctance to get the

"There are some that are reluctant."

David Harper

vaccine concerns health officials who say Manitoba's aboriginals are among the most vulnerable to the virus and are most at risk of developing serious complications if infected.

Hundreds of volunteer health-care workers are now being mobilized and massive flu clinics are being scheduled to immunize around 64,000 aboriginals in northern Manitoba starting next week. Those living in remote, fly-in communities are considered to be a top priority because of their experience last spring.

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### Ottawa **Guiding the fight**



Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq holds up an H1N1 Preparedness Guide as she responds to a question during Question Period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill yesterday.

### Taser footage released

DEATH The final minutes of Howard Hyde's life showing a struggle he had with jail guards moments before he lost consciousness during another tussle were aired Thursday at a public inquiry into the mentally ill Nova Scotia man's death.

Recorded by a series of surveillance cameras inside a provincial jail in November 2007, the video footage has an unsettling, surreal quality that makes it sometimes difficult to watch.

At the time, Hyde was under arrest for an alleged assault and was being escorted within the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, on his way to a court appearance.

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Artifact may be world's earliest bill of rights
The British Museum says it will open negotiations with Iran over loaning them an ancient Babylonian artifact sometimes described as the world's earliest bill of rights. Spokeswoman Esme Wilson said that the museum was preparing to send a staffer to Tehran to discuss the Cyrus Cylinder, a 6th century B.C. artifact which carries an account by Cyrus, the king of Persia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## World



### Kidman: Hollywood not helping

Actress Nicole Kidman testified before a U.S. congressional panel on violence against women this week, conceding that Hollywood probably has contributed to the problem by portraying women as weak sex objects. Kidman testified before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that is considering legislation to deal with violence against women overseas through humanitarian relief efforts and grants to local organizations working on the problem. "I can't be responsible for all of Hollywood," Kidman said. "But I can certainly be responsible for my own career." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### U.S., Canada differ on web law

INTERNET U.S. federal regulators have taken an important step toward prohibiting broadband providers from discriminating against certain kinds of Internet traffic, in a move that came just a day after Canadian regulators decided to allow the practice known as throttling The CRTC announced Wednesday that it would continue to allow Canada's big telecommunications firms to restrict traffic on their Internet networks - but under new rules.

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# Outraged women go after Berlusconi

More than 100,000 women have signed a petition saying they are offended by Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi — an initiative launched by a newspaper after the premier made a sexist remark to an opposition politician.

Berlusconi, already under fire for his dalliances with young ladies, made the jab during a call in to a late-night talk show Oct. 7 that featured, among other guests, Rosy Bindi, a 58-year-old former minister who dresses conservatively, wears glasses and has short, grey hair.

"You are always more beautiful than intelligent," Berlusconi told her.

She snapped back: "I'm not one of the women at

#### **Petition**

• "This man offends us. Stop him," reads the petition, which has been signed by well-known Italian artists, musicians and television personalities, as well as ordinary Italians.

your disposal."

Berlusconi's remark sparked outrage, and prompted three prominent Italian intellectuals to draft a feminist manifesto of sorts, stating that Berlusconi uses women's bodies for his political ends, denigrating women and democracy in the process.

Berlusconi's scandal began earlier this year when

his wife announced she was divorcing him, citing his presence at the birthday party of an 18-year-old model and his decision to run former showgirls as candidates for European Parliament elections.

In the aftermath several women, including a prostitute, came forward with stories that they had been paid by a Berlusconi associate to attend parties at the premier's homes.

Berlusconi has denied ever paying anyone for sex and denounced what he says is a media campaign to smear him. He has acknowledged, however, he is "no saint" and loves beautiful women, but insists Italians want him that WAY.

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### **London Protesters breach BBC**



Anti-fascist demonstrators chant outside the BBC studios Thursday, where whites-only British National Party leader Nick Griffin appeared on a national TV show. About 25 protesters broke through police barricades and entered the building's lobby.

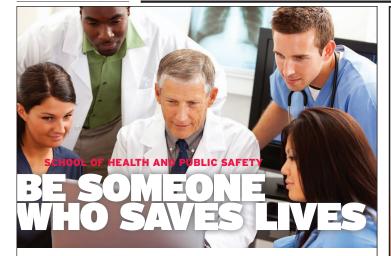
### **News** in brief

FRANCE A French prosecutor says newly discovered traces of DNA could revive hope of solving the notorious 1984 slaying of a four-year-old boy. Gregory Villemin drowned 25 years ago

in a river, his hands and feet bound with rope. FAMINE Ethiopia said Thursday it needs emergency food aid

for 6.2 million hungry people.

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### Militants dig in

Residents fleeing a sixday-old Pakistani army offensive in a Taliban stronghold along the Afghan border reported Thursday that the insurgents are digging in for a fight and travel the roads freely.

Tired and dusty refugees arriving in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail Khan from different parts of South Waziristan reported intense army bombing by jets and helicopters but said they had seen no ground

The accounts by a dozen refugees to Associated Press reporters are a sign of just how much fighting remains before the military can even hope to clear the area.

Over the last 20 days, militants have killed more than 170 people in a series of suicide bombings and raids on targets across the country. In the latest attack,



A girl and her dog look out from a truck as they flee the military offensive in South Waziristan on Thursday.

suspected insurgents on a motorbike fatally shot a senior army officer and a soldier Thursday in the capital, Islamabad,

The United Nations says 110,000 people have fled South Waziristan in recent months, about 30,000 of them in the last few days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **Earthquake**

 A magnitude 6.2 earthquake shook a wide area of eastern Afghanistan and Pakistan early Friday, swaying buildings in the Afghan and Pakistani capitals. There were no initial reports of damage or casualties.

### **News** in brief

**FLU** A poll suggests most Americans don't plan to get inoculated against the H1N1 flu even as the virus spreads

across the U.S. and hundreds of schools close. The Washington Post/ABC News survey suggests about six in 10 said they

have no plans to get vaccinated, and only 52 per cent of parents would get their children the vaccine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Two migrant ships seized

Australian authorities have intercepted two boats of asylum seekers in less than 24 hours, prompting the opposition leader yesterday to accuse the government of a "catastrophic failure" to stop the influx of migrants.

The latest boat, with 32 people on board, was stopped early yesterday, seven nautical miles off an island near Indonesia, the Home Affairs Minister said in a statement.

A boat with 22 passengers and two crew was intercepted Wednesday after-

The number of boats carrying about 1,700 asylum seekers that have arrived in Australia this year, mostly from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Sri Lanka

noon near Ashmore Island, off northwestern Australia, an earlier statement said.

Passengers of both boats are being taken to the Christmas Island detention centre for health and security checks and to determine their reasons for travel.

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### Philippines Wood blocks



Filipina women hold a line of men using wood during the distribution of relief goods in a Manila, Philippines suburb yesterday. The World Health Organization has deployed an emergency team to help the country deal with a deadly outbreak of a flood-borne bacterial disease.

### India PM: Economy over environment

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said Thursday that the world's poor nations will not sacrifice their development in negotiations for a new climate change deal.

The issue of how to share the burden of fighting global warming has divided the developing and industrialized worlds as they prepare to negotiate a replacement to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol at a December summit in Copenhagen.

"Developing countries cannot and will not compromise on development," Singh told a conference on technology and climate change.

However, even poorer countries need to "do our bit to keep our emissions footprint within levels that are sustainable and equitable," he said.

Developing countries argue that the industrial world produced most of the harmful gases and should bear the costs of fixing the problem. Wealthy nations say all countries — including growing polluters India and China — have to agree to broad cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

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### **News** in brief

CATHOLIC CHURCH It is not yet known what part of the Anglicans' liturgy and rites will be incorporated into Catholic worship under the surprise offer made earlier this week in a bold bid by Pope Benedict XVI to capitalize on sharp divisions within the An-

glican community over the proper role of women clergy and the acceptability of openly gay priests. Nor is it clear how many Anglicans will seek to switch churches because of the pope's new policy.

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### **Hymens: Made in China**

### Hot and bothered over device that fakes female virginity



roving one more time that when it comes to Muslim women, it's about headscarves hymens - in other words, what's on our heads and what's between our legs -Egypt is hot and bothered over a Chinese device that fakes female virginity.

It's reportedly available in Syria for \$15 but nobody knows if the gizmo called Gigimo is on sale in Egypt yet. Just the mere thought of a device, which is said to release liquid imitating blood, allowing a woman to fake virginity on her wedding night, has driven some

conservatives crazy. scholar even went so far as to say that people caught importing the

virginity-fak"The conservative ing device into the country obsession with should face women means only the hypocrisy the death penalty and females are Muslim expected to abide Brotherhood, by the prohibition the largest opposition bloc on extramarital sex. in parliament, **This obsession with** want the kit virginity is shallow grounds it will at best and deadly encourage at worst." promiscuity.

The conservatives are not content that their ideology has put headscarves on the heads of 80 per cent of Egyptian women. Now it's the horror of uncertainty about that "good girl" they

With all the troubles Egypt faces these days -

spiralling cost of living, a president in power for 28 years whose son looks likely to succeed him, etc. - why

all the fuss over hymens, real or fake?

Welcome to and denial that together drum at the heart of conservative religious views women and chastity. And in the case of Egypt, conservatism applies equally to Muslims and

Christians.

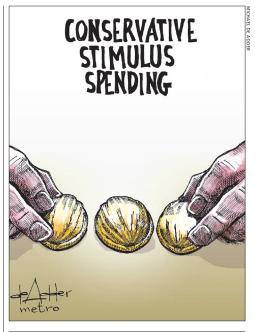
As a Muslim, I know the Qur'an preaches chastity for men and women, but the conservative obsession with women means only females are expected to abide by the prohibition on extramarital sex. This obsession

with virginity is shallow at best and deadly at worst.

And it's built on a lie people in Egypt are having sex outside of marriage, as they do everywhere. Hymen reconstruction surgery was an option for sexually active women who could afford it. In less affluent and more rural areas, women have used body parts of animals for blood on the sheets. Now the Gigimo provides a cheaper, cleaner and nonsurgical prop to maintain the lie that many men still want to believe.

Truth be told, it's unlikely Egyptian women will flock to the Gigimo. But it's been worth it just to watch male hysteria as the madein-China hymens threatened to smash their virginity god.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



### **Worth mentioning**

### Norwegians now know neighbours' income

**Different views** 

Most other European

countries, including Britain,

Italy and the Netherlands,

have very different attitudes

toward transparency and privacy and would be horri-

fied at such a scheme.

It's the moment nosy neighbours have been waiting for — the release been of official records showing

the annual income and overall wealth nearly every Norwegian taxpayer.

In a move that would be unthinkable in most countries,

tax authorities in left-leaning Norway have issued the "skatteliste," or "tax list," for 2008 to domestic media under a law designed to safeguard the country's tradition transparency.

The annual list includes data about fishermen on the western fjords, Sami reindeer herders in the north, city folk in Oslo and even members of the

> committee that awarded U.S. President Barack Obama the Nobel Peace

Prize. To Scandinavians, it appears to be a gross

tion of privacy.
Defenders of the system say it enhances transparency, which is essential for an open democracy. Critics say the list poses a threat to the very society whose freedom it's meant to protect.

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### Happiness is ... a short daily commute



When it comes to city living, you can't always get what you want. The city's high-density Plan It passed in reduced form — we'll still build more suburbs, they will still be subsidized by the taxpayer. An expensive decision was taken, now we are left to ponder: Could Plan It's live-closer idea make us happier?

I pored over a range of 'happiness" studies. There's one thing for sure commuting snatches away happiness. The longer the

mute, the unhappier you are, and the unhappier your family is.

It takes a lot of money — 18 per cent more for every 23 minutes of commute time — to keep the commute from eroding satisfaction, Swiss economists Alois Stutzer and Bruno S. Frey. For an hour-long commute, you need to earn 40 per cent more than the average salary to outdo the negative effect of the com-

Calgary is expected to continue grow. The threat is longer commutes. Take public transit and you're 41 minutes slower than travelling by car. Pick up kids from daycare? You've added another 21 min-

When StatsCan last looked at commute times, Calgary had the biggest jump. In 2005, 57 per cent of workers spent an hour or more getting to and from their workplace, compared to only 36 per cent in 1992.

From my spot inching along Macleod Trail, I think it's fair to say we're spending even more time on the road.

Here's the paradox. Other studies show people report lower satisfaction with homes in congested areas, so they're willing to commute longer. This is why developers have a case. We're not sure we want to live small in the polluted downtown, where cars race over your neighbourhood like ants on a hill.

So can city planning make us happier? It depends how much you love that house and that quiet street. The city didn't promote enough protection from traffic, or to sell Plan It in terms of better, socially happy communities.

maybe you can't So. avoid the commute, or afford to live close to work.

Fear not. Marry the right person and it will have the happiness effect of quadrupling your salary, cite UBC's John Helliwell and Harvard's Robert Putnam. Not married? Attending church and volunteering in your community equals

doubling your salary.

Commuting reduces Commuting your ability to have these social links, though. Just like Plan It, we need to make the best compromise to get some satisfac-

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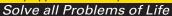
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# Business



### Loonie too strong: Carney

BoC head warns strong dollar will jeopardize recovery

The stubbornly strong loonie is the major impediment to the Canadian economy rebounding more strongly from the recent deep recession, says Bank of Canada governor

Mark Carney.
In a new warning, the bank governor says Canada would experience stronger recovery next year and in 2011 if the loonie had stayed at the 87-cent level the bank envisioned dur-

ing the summer.
Carney said Thursday that's why the bank made it clear this week that it will keep interest rates at the historic low of 0.25 per cent until at least next July.

Carney said the central bank has several tools at its disposal, including intervention in the currency market, but didn't specify which would be put to use.

"Intervention is always an option," he said. "Markets should take seriously our determination to set policy to achieve the inflam.metrenews.ca



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tion target. Markets sometimes lose their focus. We don't lose our focus.

The loonie closed 0.16 of a cent lower at 95.44 cents US on Thursday, but many expect it to hit parity with the greenback in the next few months, mainly because of weakness in the American dollar, which has dropped against most of the world's major currencies.

A high loonie makes it cheaper to take U.S. vacations and buy imported goods. But it also harms Canadian manufacturing because exports become more expensive for buyers in the United States.

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney folds his umbrella as he walks to a news conference in Ottawa on Thursday.

### Gas, new car sales boost retail

SALES Retail sales rose 0.8 per cent in August to \$34.5 billion, thanks to higher sales at gasoline stations and new car dealers, which helped offset July's decline.

Statistics Canada reported Thursday that the largest increase came in the automotive sector, which rose 2.4 per cent overall, with gasoline stations leading the way at 3.9 per cent.
"When the labour mar-

ket fares well, good things tend to happen to the rest of the Canadian economy,' said CIBC economist Krishen Rangasamy. "The strong retail numbers will 3.7% Retail sales this August were down 3.7 per cent from a year earlier. Statistics Canada said.

add to the growing evidence that the domestic side of the Canadian econo-

my is recovering."
Without the bulk of the increase from gasoline stations and new car deals, sales were relatively flat compared with July, increasingly 0.4 per cent by volume. Overall, sales this past August were 3.7 per cent lower than a year ear-THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Canadians' savings may be sliding, new poll suggests

FINANCES When it comes to how well Canadians are handling their cash these days, the consensus isn't

ting their saving habits

The poll found one-third of the people who responded said they were saving less than they have in the past, with only one-in-five saying they were putting more away for a rainy day.

The poll suggests resi-British Columbia top the

all that clear. An Ipsos Reid poll done for RBC Financial suggests many Canadians are let-

of Ontario and

### **Sun Life survey**

On the other hand, Sun Life Financial says its research found Canadians are changing their spending habits. A survey of about 1,200 people found that 60 per cent said they had reduced their debt, with 59 per cent saying they spent less since January.

list of those saving less, while 70 per cent of Canadians find reaching a sav-ings goal one of their biggest challenges.

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### **Business** in brief

**NEWS** The New York Times Co. narrowed its losses in the most recent quarter, though the company showed only moderate signs of improvement in advertising. The publisher of The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The International Herald-Tribune and 15 other daily newspapers said Thursday it would have made money if not for hefty one-time

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gy Trust soared more than 30 per cent in early trading after the announcement of a \$4.1billion takeover deal with Korea National Oil Corp. Calgarybased Harvest Energy said late Wednesday the deal with the South Korean state-owned oil company values its units at \$10 per share, for a total cash consideration of about \$1.8 billion. The deal also sees Korea National Oil assume \$2.3 billion in THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill allowing the construction of a 75,000-seat stadium that developers hope will lure an NFL team to the Los Angeles area. Officials say the stadium would generate more than 18,000 jobs and more than \$762 million US in economic output. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports



### School faces shoe fight

A fight over the shoes Michael Jordan's son will wear at the University of Central Florida could cost the school as much as \$3 million US. Freshman guard Marcus Jordan, left, is refusing to wear shoes made by Adidas, the brand the university has a contract with for its sports. He says he will only wear his father's Nike Air Jordan shoes because it holds special meaning to his family.

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### Curling and the golden promise



t the home Olympics Canada will battle an inferiority complex. It is the only country to have hosted the Games (Montreal 1976 and Calgary 1988), and not win a gold medal inside its borders.

It's a glaring blemish on an otherwise illustrious Olympic history.

Vancouver/Whistler and the 2010 Games promise to end the pain. Yet even as the flame begins its journey from Olympia to Canadian shores, nothing is a lock. Certainly not hockey gold, and in the individual sports anything can happen.

That leaves curling, men's and women's, and at least one gold medal that many Canadians have come to count on.

"My generation of curlers is the first that grew up with the Olympics being the No. 1 goal," says Brad Gushue, who won 2006 gold in Torino for Canada.

for Canada.
"You know for sure that Canadian fans expect a gold medal in

Gushue's foursome and 13 other men's teams are in Mississauga this weekend at the Grey Power World Cup of Curling. The

of Curling. The most talented lineup yet assembled includes seven European rinks, one



Brad Gushue

crop, but only one will have the chance to compete in Vancouver after winning an arduous trial process that essentially begins now. "I relish that chance,"

"I relish that chance," says 2007 world champion Glenn Howard from Ontario's Georgian Bay region. "The whole planet will be watching. I can't think of anything more that I want in my life than to win a gold medal for my country."

It's a lot of pressure to bear.

Curling is, after all, a sport close to the heart in Canada with millions of passionate fans. But it's also a sport whose homeland is Scotland.

"Canada expects a gold medal, yes — but to us that's a huge challenge," warns reigning world

### 2010 **Games**

champion David Murdoch of Lockerbie, Scotland, who will represent Great Britain. "A big crowd in Vancouver totally against us will inspire us to be even better."

It is the podium finish that could end the drought. Curling holds that much promise at the upcoming home Olympics.

Then again, in a sport where the playing field is rapidly becoming more level, not even curling can make a golden promise to Canadians this time.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

### Stamps looking to clinch playoffs

Governator backs new NFL stadium

CFL The Calgary Stampeders played what quarterback Henry Burris calls their most complete game of the season the last time the Edmonton Eskimos visited McMahon Stadium.

The Stamps are aiming for a repeat performance of that 32-8 victory on Labour Day when they play the Eskimos in their final home game of the season Friday. Calgary, currently tied (8-6-1) for first place in the West Division, can clinch a playoff berth with a victory.

"It's pretty much a playoff game now the way you look at it," Burris said. "Teams are jockeying for what we call pole position ... and Edmonton's trying to put themselves in the best situation possible."

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### **Astro-nomical**

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### Entertainment



New biopic Amelia may inspire the aviator look.



One cannot discount Osamu Tezuka's influential creation Astro Boy and the overdue splash on to the big-screen that should definitely excite a few fanboys. While Astro Boy has its cult following, this movie is surely designed for children.

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### Coens back in form

#### A Serious **Man**

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but there should be no doubt that the Oscar-winning Coen brothers have returned to form with A Serious Man.

More in line with the sibling auteurs' earlier works such as Fargo or even Barton Fink, the quirky comedy focuses on a meek Jewish physics professor named Larry Gopnick (Michael Stuhlbarg) whose perfect late-'60s suburban life suddenly and inexplicably turns against him: His wife wants a divorce, his children no longer respect him, the sexy neighbour torments him by sunbathing nude and he's being blackmailed at work while his tenure is in jeopardy — and that's just the

beginning.
Needless to say, Gopnick finds his life spiralling into a spiritual abyss, leaving him to turn to the advice of three hapless rabbis with the hopes that they can solve his crisis and explain how to become "a seplain how to be seplain how to become "a seplain how to be a sepl

rious man'

If that sounds somewhat philosophical, that's because the Coen brothers question notions of faith and meaning in what they've described as their "most personal work yet."

As with most of their

As with most of their films, their rich, surreal characters often have more bubbling under the surface than what first appears allowing them a mystery to escape farce and elicit deep contemplation.

Ditching big stars in favour of lesser-known Yiddish thespians certainly gives the superb comedy an added authenticity but Stuhlbarg steals the film playing a man who maintains a brash optimism even amidst his darkest hour.

A Serious Man is seriously fine filmmaking.



Mark Stuhlbarg plays the lead in A Serious Man, dubbed the Coens' "most personal film yet."



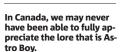
The Hollywood version of Japanese animator Osamu Tezuka's influential creation Astro Boy is playing in theatres.

### Boy, what a bummer

#### Astro **Boy**

Director: David Bowers
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Kristen Bell
Classification: PG
Rating: ##%

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Sure, the character has been around for generations and been credited as the genesis of anime, but here in the Great White North, I don't recall the omnipresence of that little ro-

bot anymore than say, Hammy Hamster.

Still one cannot discount Osamu Tezuka's influential creation and the overdue splash on to the bigscreen that should definitely excite a few fanboys.

For those uneducated in the ways of Astro Boy, his story is thus: When the son of accomplished scientist Dr. Tenma (Nicolas Cage) is tragically killed, he constructs a robot in the child's image. Although he gave the android incredible powers, Tenma casts the unfulfilling surrogate away to Earth — now a trash heap a la Wall-E.

There, Astro Boy be-

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friends a group of stray ghettoized children while being chased by the oppressive government for his special "blue" energy powers

powers.
This all, of course, represent more sophisticated allegories than the intended younger demographic of the film can likely understand — which does cause one to question, who is

this movie for?

While Astro Boy has its cult following (which dates back to the 1950s), this movie is surely designed for children.

As such, it's colorful, playful and the kiddies will giggle with glee but it's not necessarily for Astro Boy fans

While striving for heady themes may give pause to some diehards, the overly common story will supply slumber to most adults sitting in the cinema.

As for me, I'm afraid that after seeing Astro Boy, the phenomenon still has no more prestige than a talented hamster.

### Amelia grounded by narrative

### Amelia

Director: Mira Nair Stars: Richard Gere, Hilary Swank

Classification: PG Rating: @@½

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REVIEW It should be easy to make an exciting movie about Amelia Earhart, the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic who mysteriously disappeared during the tail end of an attempted round-the-world flight.

It's all there: the excitement and risk or early aviation, breaking down gender barriers, the glamour and adventure of being a famous aviatrix. But apparently the folks behind Amelia aren't up to the challenge. What they offer



Hilary Swank as the legendary aviatrix in Amelia.

instead is a long, boring slog toward an ending everyone already knows, with little narrative thrust or sense of adventure.

The movie is pretty, to be sure, with rich cinematography, gorgeous costumes and period details and absolutely thrilling flight sequences. The problem is that as soon as a human be-

ing comes on screen, the air goes out of it. To see Hilary Swank, Richard Gere and Ewan McGregor with so little charisma is a shame, with Swank particularly disappointing.

Given the character's

Given the character's groundbreaking history, her Amelia is incredibly passive, marvelling wideeyed as Gere's George Putnam makes her decisions for her for the first half of the film.

Amelia is lopsided from the get-go, with an inordinate amount of time spent on Earhart's first transatlantic trip — a publicity stunt during which she was a passenger. By the time we get to her actual solo flight, it seems like an afterthought.

Most of the exciting achievements in Earhart's life are covered with clumsy, trite newsreel footage and spiralling newspaper front pages. There nothing in this movie to suggest that it was made in 2009, let alone that it was directed by Mira Nair, who has shown such flair and originality in earlier films. This one never really takes off.

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Somebody give Viola Davis' agent a raise. The actress has signed on not one, but two dotted lines, joining It's Kind Of A Funny Story as well as David Schwimmer's sophmore directorial effort, Trust. EMPIREONLINE.COM



### Saw VI: Back to torture cham

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Much like death and taxes, the annual appearance of vet another movie in the incredibly popular Saw series is inevitable.

The sixth entry in the

Movie feature

franchise opens today but the blood spattered Saw

legacy first hacked into the collective pop culture consciousness back in 2004 with James Wan and Ligh Wannell's original film a grim, deadly serious psycho thriller about a serial killer named Jigsaw (Tobin

Bell) who dispatches his victims with diabolical traps

Saw VI is helmed by long time series editor Kevin Greutert. His aim with Saw VI is to return to the wince inducing levels of gore that have made the series such a success ... and then surpass them.

"There is a bigger cast

this time, and yes, a bigger, bloodier body count," he says. "I can't give you the exact number of deaths, because then people will count them down and be like, 'Oh man, only one more guy to die!'

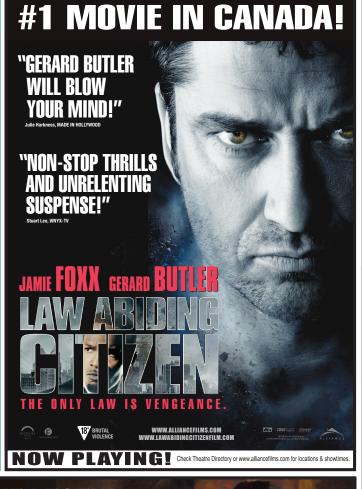
The film follows the further of adventures of Jigsaw's disciple Hoffman (Costas Mandylor), who has taken over the murderous reigns with delight.

But one thing that is common knowledge is that despite his being killed off in Saw III — Bell's Jigsaw once again looms large, thanks to an endless spate of flashbacks.

"A Saw film must have Tobin, that's it," says Greutert. "He's totally inthere be integrity in the script and to his character. His face is and will forever be, associated with the series and he has tremendous pull with the producers.

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It appears Gerard Butler has abandoned romantic comedies in order to accept a role from England's greatest playwright. Yes, Butler is taking a role in William Shakespeare's Coriolanus alongside Ralph Fiennes and William Hurt. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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John C. Reilly, right, plays a disgruntled bloodsucker in The Vampire's Assistant.

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### Little bite with some funny bits

### The Vampire's **Assistant**

**Director:** Paul Weitz Stars: John C. Reilly, Chris Massoglia, Josh Hutcherson Classification: PG Rating: @@@

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The Vampire's Assistant is not a great movie. In many ways it's a failure. The confusing plot condenses two separate novels and the

screenplay is filled with cheesy moments. However, the movie al-

so has a good sense of humour about itself (unlike a certain weepy teen vampire franchise) and features enough talented actors in the supporting cast to keep things entertaining. The film is hardly a masterpiece, but at least it's fun.

John C. Reilly stars as a disgruntled vampire (is there any other kind?) who lives with a bizarre travelling freak show called the Cirque Du Freak.

Two teens discover the show and sneak their way in, only to end up becoming vampires themselves.

There's also a backstory involving a massive intervampire war, but frankly that doesn't really mat-

The plot is confusing and vague. It's all set up for future entries in the franchise with several movies worth of material crammed into the almost two hour running time.

Fortunately, the film moves along at such a swift pace and features so ing roles that it's hard not to be entertained.

American Pie helmer Paul Weitz directs and while he tries a little too hard to make things visually interesting with a relentlessly moving camera, he does a good job keeping the convoluted story moving and the laughs coming.

Reilly doesn't quite manage the level of men-ace that his character should have, but he nails the comedic aspects of the role well enough to make it work.

For a comedy/horror film aimed at teens, The Vampire's Assistant is

surprisingly good.
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#### Cruise in demand for dance show

Mary Murphy isn't the only one who would like to see Tom Cruise as a guest judge on So You Think You Can Dance. "Tom loves the show, so I hope so," new permanent judge Adam Shankman says. **EONLINE.COM** 



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### Amelia takes flight again



hat do Coco Chanel, Queen Victoria and aviatrix

Amelia Earhart have in common? All are women, made headlines and smashed barriers, becoming feminist icons in the process.

They are also all being given the big screen treatment this year in big Oscar bait movies. Coco Avant Chanel is in theatres, The Young Victoria comes out in December and this weekend Hilary Swank plays Earhart in Amelia.

None are strangers to posthumous celebrity; Victoria has been portrayed on screen almost 100 times by everyone ranging from Glenda Jackson to Michael Palin, but Earhart, a pioneering female pilot who disappeared over the Pacific during a circumnavigational flight of the globe attempt in 1937, has enjoyed a particularly good pop culture run of late.

She's been featured in Apple Computer's Think Different ads, Buck 65 rapped about her in Blood of a Young Wolf, and last year Amy Adams made her flesh and blood in Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian.

Academy Award winner Swank's take on the character is the eighth time Earhart has been immortalized on screen, not counting Jane Lynch's portrayal of her in The Aviator which ended up on the cutting room floor, but she isn't the first Oscar winner to play the fly queen.

In Flight for Freedom, honorary Oscar holder Ros"Any time that you play a character who was alive... you want to tell the story in a way that they would be proud of."

Hilary Swank

alind Russell played Tonie Carter, a character based on Earhart.

The film and Russell's flamboyant performance popularized the unsubstantiated notion that Earhart's disappearance was a result of clandestine work for the U.S. Navy.

That theory was furthered by a TV movie (subsequently released as a theatrical feature) called Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight. Starring Oscar winner Diane Keaton, the movie suggested the doomed flight was financed by the navy in exchange for her reports of

suspicious Japanese activity in the South Pacific.

In Close Encounters of the Third Kind Steven Spielberg suggested another reason for her disappearance — alien abduction! In the film's climax Earhart exits the Mothership alongside a hundred alien abduction survivors. Spielberg said this was a tribute to Earhart and others who have mysteriously vanished at sea

Whether or not Earhart would have approved of any of these portrayals we'll never know, but at least Swank says she tried to be respectful of Earhart's legacy. "Any time that you play a character who was alive... you want to tell the story in a way that they would be proud of."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.



Amy Adams played Amelia Earhart in the recently released Night at The Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian.





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Gamer (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30 Halloween II (18A) Fri-Thu 9:35 The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-

4-6:50-9:25 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:10 Love Happens (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7:25-9:55

The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:30-10

The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-7:15-9:50

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1. Crazy Love, Michael Bublé; 2. The Twilight Saga: New Moon soundtrack; 3. The Blueprint 3, Jay-Z; 4. Love is the Answer, Barbra Streisand; 5. The Time Of Our Lives, Miley Cyrus. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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## Her name in Lights Creed goes Full Circle SoundCheck Very public fights with other bands — including an very

Juno-winning singer releases infectious debut The Listening

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI



Thanks to Jay-Z's song Death of Autotune, the obnoxious vocal effect is no longer in vogue. That poses a problem, however, for Toronto-singer Lights, who uses it on her new album.

"It's a great vocal effect if used tastefully, so why deny it?" she says. "I just use it in verses to try to convey emotion of being constricted and held very tight."

She admits, though, that artists like Kanye West and T-Pain have digitized their pipes too much. "It might have been a little excessive," she says. "If he can't sing without it, which we can't really tell, then maybe it's better that he used it."

Fortunately, she doesn't go nuts with sound - the musician, whose real name is Valerie Poxleitner, only uses it on the track The Saviour. Like most of the music on her debut full-length The Listening, the song is a soft electro synth pop number — think Kylie Minogue-meets-Nintendo. The songs move between the über radio friendly title track, to the quirky indie tune Drive

Either way her sound is different. It also took a



Lights (Valerie Poxleitner) won the Juno Award for best new artist earlier this year. Her full-length debut album is now out.

while to fine tune. Although she's only 22, Lights has been playing music for years, writing her first song in her early teens. She's played in a metal band, pretended to be Alicia Keys and wrote music best suited for, she says, "sad acoustic coffee houses."

Then, three years ago, she started listening to Bjork and euro electronica. When she went into the studio to record, she decided to try and play a track without any traditional instruments.

"I found random sounds and fluttery beats," she explains. "I realized there was no limit when you have synths. You can come up with any texture that will convey sound. You create it and make it happen."

There's no doubt her sound is accessible and infectious enough to court the American masses - Old Navy has already featured one of her songs — but it helps that Jian Ghomeshi a former Canadian musician and current host of

### **Bright Lights**

• The Listening is the new album from Lights. She plays the MacEwan Ballroom on Nov. 12.

CBC's Q - is her manager. The singer connected with Ghomeshi by chance. When she was 15 she was in a Walmart ad holding a guitar. The makeup artist saw the photo and asked if she played. He then asked her to sing. "He was blown away and he called Jian who was coming to the area a few weeks later," she re-calls. They met, she gave him a demo and he's worked with her ever since.

She might not need him for much longer though, with more than 165,000 MySpace friends, she's become an Internet sensation.

Fortunately, she likes connecting with her virtual fans. Though, she admits, communicating with her followers could become more difficult as she gets more popular.

"I always want to put something cool online new remix or b-side every couple of weeks," she says. 'Maybe a day will come I won't be able to do that, but hopefully not.



en years ago, Creed was one of the biggest bands in North America. selling tens of millions of records and tens of thousands of concert tickets. But by Christmas 2002, everything had gone horribly pear-shaped. Zonked on a combination of prescription drugs and JD, singer Scott Stapp turned in a horrible performance in Chicago that resulted in four fans filing a lawsuit.

Mix in the Holier-thanthou attitude, the perceived hypocrisies (including a leaked sex tape), the



actual brawl with members of 311 — and you have the very definition of 'downward spiral."

Things finally bottomed out for Stapp on Nov. 18, 2006, when his wife told him enough was enough. That date is now tattooed on his forearm as a reminder. Since then, he and the rest of Creed have slowly plotted their rehabilitation, a test that begins in earnest Tuesday with the release of the band's fourth album Full Circle.

Stapp sounds humbled, chastened and in search of a second chance. "In 2002, it was definitely time for us to take a break ... The time was very well spent, most importantly establishing a firm foundation with our families. And for me, my

The new tracks are more muscular than With Arms Wide Open and those other singles that achieved popular acclaim and then critical scorn. And not just scorn - Creed was despised. Stapp now concedes that the band — and he in

particular — deserved that. "We're sorry for the ignorant, youthful chip we had on our shoulders back then ... I hope we get a second change to make a first impression."

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be eard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

### The rapid rise of La Roux

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI for Metro Canada

Elly Jackson is sick. Her voice is shot from months of touring so what was supposed to be a lively interview with the outspoken frontwoman for La Roux, has become a quick e-mail exchange.

Still, Jackson's exuberance comes across; her re-

sponses are in all caps.
"I'M TRYING TO HUSH
MY MOUTH JUST A LIT-TLE!" she writes, as if she's screaming. Because we're corresponding over the Internet, she doesn't have the chance to say curious things about other musicians (she recently insulted U.K. rap act Tinchy Stryder) or feminism ("There's far more ways to be sexy than to dress in a miniskirt and a tank top ... I think you attract a certain kind of man by dressing like that," she once said).

But, if she could speak, she wouldn't hold back.

"Wouldn't it be boring if we all said the same thing and had no opinions," she "Too \_

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Her comments have gotten her tons of no opinions. press, and for a **Too many acts** 21-year-old try-ing to navigate go on media saturated training courses. British music It's safe being the people bland." market,

talking about you the bet-But however people find

out about the singer, and her musical partner Ben Langmaid, it's the music that really speaks for itself. The duo's debut is a wildly infectious synth pop record that recalls '80s bands like Depeche Mode and glam rockers such as

David Bowie.

Their self-titled debut reached No. 2 in the U.K. and landed on top 40 charts around the globe.

The rise seems rapid - the album came out in England in June and in North America in late July, but for lackson, the accolades have been a long

time coming. "We've been writing together for five years

er for five years La Roux before the record came out," she ex-plains. "But yes, in real terms it has been quite quick, but that's kind of how it happens now, especially in the U.K."

It's likely the attention

will keep coming, but her debut could easily have fallen flat. Especially if she recorded it the way she originally wanted — as



La Roux's self-titled debut landed in the No. 8 spot on the Canadian album chart.

folk songs.

"Some of the songs were written on the acoustic guitar and demoed as such," she reveals. "I was a major Joni Mitchell fan, had my hair down to my waist but I got bored. It's been done to death. And how do you top Joni or Neil Young. You can't.





Former Grey's Anatomy star T.R. Knight is back on the market. The actor has split from his boyfriend of two years, Mark Cornelson. "It's amicable," a source tells People magazine. PEOPLE.COM

### Entertainment



### U.S. was monitoring Polanski

### Officials decided against filing for arrest warrant, reveal email documents



American prosecutors were closely watching Roman Polanski, says new evidence

American prosecutors closely monitored Roman Polanski in Austria and considered seeking his arrest there days before the director's apprehension in Switzerland, documents obtained by The Associated Press show.

Los Angeles officials decided against filing a warrant for Polanski's arrest with the Austrian government after questioning how accommodating it would be to an extradition request. They also were concerned about the limited time available before Polanski left the country, according to emails obtained by the AP under U.S. public records request.

The email exchange Sept. 23 came three days before Polanski travelled to Switzerland and was arrested Sept. 26 at Zurich's airport. It sheds new light on how closely U.S. officials were monitoring the 76year-old director's movements after being tipped off that he was outside France. and why they chose to go after him in Switzerland, where they are now seeking

his extradition for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year old girl.

"I don't have experience with any Austrian extraditions so I don't know how 'friendly' they would be to extradition on such a case," Diana Carbajal, a Los Angeles deputy district attorney, wrote in an email.

She wrote that Polanski

had checked out of an Austrian hotel that morning and was "on the move" ahead of his scheduled appearance at the Zurich Film Festival on Sept. 26.

Knight is single

Polanski had been in Austria as early as Sept. 16, when he attended the opening night of his cult musical Dance of the Vampires in Vi-

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Hilary Swank plays Amelia Earhart in the new biopic Amelia. Besides being an aviation pioneer, Earhart was known for her fashion styles, which influenced classic trends that still exist today.

### Amelia biopic highlights timeless aviation styles

Before they became staples of the runway, bomber jackets, flight suits and protective aviator sunglasses were born in the cockpit of an early - and cold — airplane.

They were necessary in drafty flying machines with metal doors that were a struggle just to keep closed. But as aviation pioneers such as Amelia Earhart brought their style around the world, they sparked fashion trends that have been with us ever since.

The leather bomber jacket shown in the new Earhart biopic Amelia starring Hilary Swank marries function and style in a way that finicky fashion has embraced through the years, says Franco DiCarlo, executive vice-president of Belstaff USA, the brand that collaborated with the filmmakers on key wardrobe pieces.

"A lot of the aviator jackets are timeless in style and they perform under a great variety of weather. ... They

say fashion is cyclical, but this is timeless," he says.

But when the styles landed in the 1920s and '30s, it was uncharted territory, allowing for a woman like Earhart to help craft the image and vocabulary of a flyer's style, says Amelia costume designer Kasia Walicka Maimone.

"The whole history of aviation was really being invented and part of that was inventing the new language," she says.

At first pilots borrowed silhouettes from horseback riders, race-car drivers and motorcyclists, later adapting jodhpurs, goggles and the zip-front leather jackets, among other items.

Early on, Earhart wore these things, too, but she had a lifelong interest in fashion, so many of the more stylish, more feminine adaptations came from her. At one point, she had her own clothing line - a second career to support her flying. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#### Smallville actor Sam Jones III was arrested Wednesday on federal drug charges according to TV Guide. He was charged with conspiring and planning to deal about 10,000 tablets of oxycodone. TVGUIDE.COM

### **Going Out**

### Metro's **7**th **Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

**Ryan Gosling CELEBRITY** The London, Ont.born actor ranks among Canada's best thespians. Now he wants to be one of the country's top musicians as well. The Notebook star has hooked up with pal Zach Shields for Dead Man's Bones, an album of gothic folkrock tunes. The duo is currently playing North American

**Astro Boy** FILM Yes, the father of all anime is a little crime-fighting kid robot. And, starting today, he'll be at a theatre near you. Based on Osamu Tezuka's original 1952 series, the Hollywood 3-D version features Freddie Highmore (of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory fame) as the voice of the titular character.

There Is No Enemy: Built to Spill MUSIC This Boise, Idaho-based band hit their stride in the '90s but their latest album ranks with their best efforts. Ringleader Doug Martsch's template - gorgeous guitar work over equally beautiful melodies — may be tried and tested, but the end result is some of the most heart wrenching sounds you'll hear this year. Album highlights: Good 'Ol Boredom and Hindsight.

**SuperFreakonomics** BOOK Some neat questions: What does a hooker and a department store Santa Claus have in common? Can eating kangaroo meat save the planet? Economist SUICIDI

Steven Levitt and journalist Stephen Dubner have the answers in the "freaquel" to their bestseller Freakonomics.

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App of the Day

TECH Let's face it — there's plenty of junk in the App Store. That's where this neat little software comes in. App of the Day highlights a different application every day for iPhone or iPod Touch users to discover high quality products in the App Store. Best of all, it's not just some tech geek's word above all. The featured applications are chosen through a careful nomination process driven by users.

A Day At The Office VIDEO Tough economic times equals less spare time at work? Wrong. If the employees on this viral video are to be believed, no deadline is bigger than lip-synching to the Backstreet Boys' I Want It That Way and recording the results on your office desktop. Where's a supervisor when you need one? Watch the video at youtube.com/watch?v=XWhUeAy35qc.

**Dead Snow** DVD It's been a good year for camp horror. Sam Raimi vowed with Drag Me To Hell. And now comes this Norwegian gore fest with creatures everyone will love to hate — Nazi zombies. The plot's no killer some medical students go to a cabin ... you know how it goes.



### The Calgary Women's Show

Roundup Centre Stampede Park Oct. 24-25

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### **The Fluid Movement Arts Festival**

Theatre Junction Grand until Oct. 25

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### Heterophobia staged reading

Symon's Valley United Church Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

A staged reading of the play shown in Calgary last month back for one night

#### **Romeo And Juliet**

Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium Oct. 22 – 24th

Experience the passion and the lust through Alberta ballet's interpretation of the classic love tragedy.

#### **Babes for Breasts**

Ironwood Stage & Grill Oct. 24, 9 p.m.

With performances by Dana Wylie, Ann Viend, Jes-sica Heine and Amanda Rheaume are in Calgary as part of a national touring effort to raise money in the fight against breast cancer.

### The 1st Annual **National Paranormal Convention 2009**

University of Calgary Oct. 24

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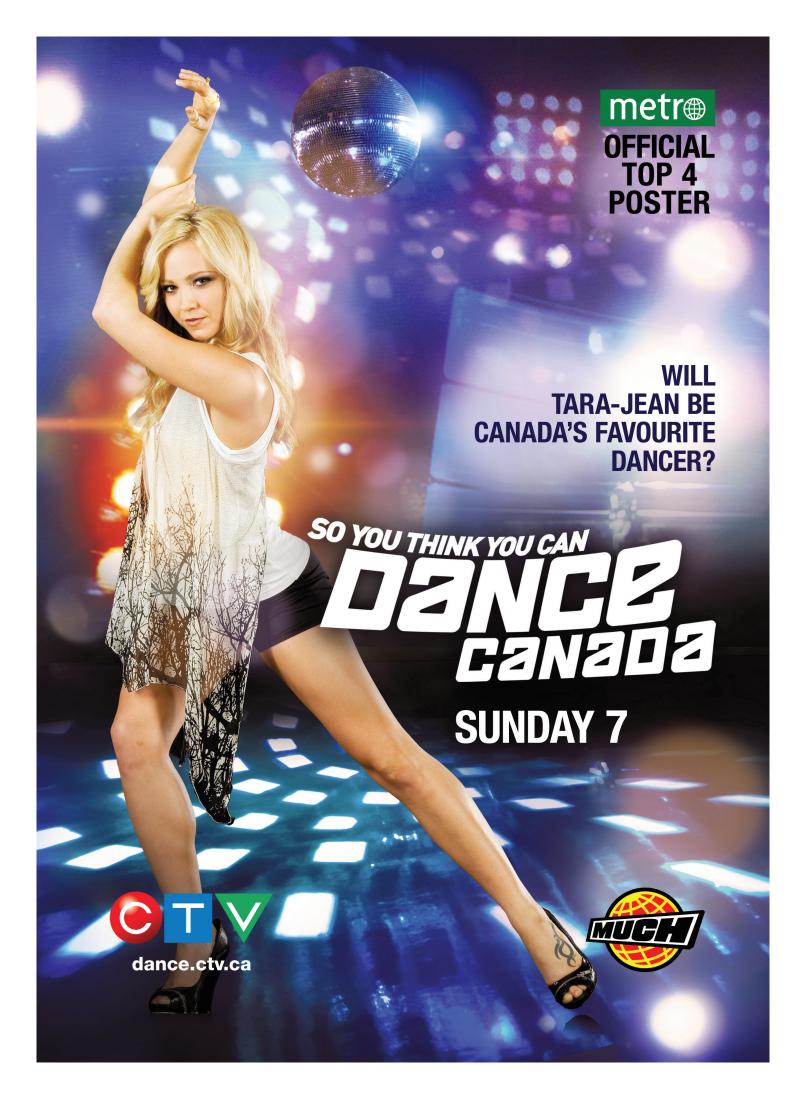
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Corinne Bailey Rae is set to sail on a new journey in her career with the release of her new album The Sea on Feb. 2. The singer, 30, whose husband Jason was found dead in March 2008, has spoken of how she has channelled her grief into the CD. PEOPLE.COM

### **Entertainment**

### Stone does it her way

musical itch, she has to scratch, even if it means getting into trouble with her label.

The powerhouse British soul singer says her new album, Colour Me Free, came out Tuesday after months of delays because her U.S. label, EMI, was upset that she had recorded the tracks on a whim without telling them.

"Oh God, that wasn't very good," Stone said in a recent phone interview. "They didn't love that too

It was about two years ago, after the release of her self-titled third album, that the 22-year-old Grammy and Brit Award winner got the urge to hit the stu-

### 10 million sold

Since her debut album was released in 2003, Joss Stone has sold almost 10 million albums worldwide. SOURCE: JOSS STONE ONLINE

dio and jam again.

"I just woke up and was like: 'Man, I really want to make an album,'" said Stone, who has performed on stage with scores of legends including James Brown and Donna Sum-

"It was just a really nice day and I was feeling realenergized

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(musician) friends were down, because we were writing

"I thought: 'Hey, you guys are here, let's do it. Let's make the music."

And so they did, using a Wellington, England night club that was owned by her mother at the time as their studio, where they recorded live off the floor in about a week.

Problem was, EMI didn't know about it and when Stone told them, "The initial reaction was: 'Hang on a minute, you're supposed to ask us for approval on every single section of everything that you do,

called

'So I said: 'Oh, whoops, so sorry, my bad,' and it really was. I didn't ask for approval, I didn't tell them I was making the al-

The idea of someone trying to control her art was a "horrible feeling and makes you not want to do it at all," admitted Stone, whose vocals often draw comparisons to Aretha Franklin. "But then from a business side of things. I kind of get it," she said. They feel like that's their property and they want to control how the property



Soul singer Joss Stone says she needs to feel a "massive amount of pressure" in order to get things done.

looks and how it works." In the end, the two sides worked things out and the

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weren't changed. With the label woes behind her, Stone has a positive outlook on the situation and the album.

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### Guilty plea could land Lil Wayne in prison

**COURTS** Lil Wayne, who owned last year's best-selling album and is currently 1 on the U.S. pop charts, pleaded guilty to at-tempted weapon posses-sion Thursday and expects to receive a one-year jail sentence.

The performer, arguably rap's most popular artist and one of pop's biggest acts, previously had pleaded not guilty to illegal gun possession charges that car-



least 3 1/2 years in jail convicupon tion. He remains free on bail while awaiting his February sentencing.

The sombre-looking rapper did not speak as he left the courthouse with members of his entourage, who piled into four SUVs.

Police said a gun was found on his tour bus in Manhattan in 2007.

The rapper, born Dwayne Carter, won last year's best rap solo performance Grammy for A Milli. His albums include Tha Carter, Tha Carter II and Tha Carter III.

His trial had been due to start Jan. 20. The judge had been holding a hearing on a debated DNA profiling technique used to tie the rapper to the gun.

Lil Wayne, 27, also is scheduled for trial in Arizona on felony drug possession and weapons charges. He has pleaded not guilty in that case, which arose from a January 2008 arrest at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint.

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In New York, he politely answered the judge's standard questions with "yes, Sir" and "no, Sir" as he entered his plea to second-degree attempted weapon

possession, a felony. He acknowledged he had a .40 calibre semi-automatic loaded gun on his bus.

When the judge warned that he would not be

able to withdraw the plea as some people try to do, the rapper said, "I'm not one of those people.'

Prosecutors said small amounts of DNA found on the loaded weapon connected it to the platinumselling artist. Defence lawyer Stacey Richman said the gun wasn't Lil Wayne's, and the testing technique was too problematic to prove otherwise.

### In **brief**

MICHAEL JACKSON A 12-minute clip of the new Michael Jackson movie This Is It shows a strongvoiced King of Pop enthusiastically practising some of his biggest hits. Jackson is shown warming up his vocals during a performance of Human Nature. That's followed by Jackson running through the song in various outfits. Later, he playfully dances with a woman as he sings The Way You Make Me Feel, touching her thigh and holding her waist. Jackson died June 25 at 50. He was preparing for his comeback concerts in London at the time. This Is It based on rehearsals for those concerts - will premiere globally on Tuesday and run for two

TWILIGHT The vampire clan starring in the highly anticipated second installment of the Twilight series are expected to be greeted by a crowd of fans at the Rome Film Festival, where scenes from The Twilight Saga: New Moon are being screened ahead of the official release next month. Scenes from the modern-day love story between a schoolgirl and a vampire are screening in Rome on Thursday. The movie, popular with teen and older audiences alike. opens Nov. 20.

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### **Celebrity Buzz**

AMY PAYS FOR HER OWN BODY PARTS Mitch Winehouse says daughter Amy Winehouse is doing well - or at least parts of her are.

When asked by ITV's This Morning how his famously troubled daughter is holding up, Mitch said, "Fantastic, fantastic. Her boobs are great as well?

Winehouse reportedly spent \$56,000 US on a breast augmentation surgery

though her dad doesn't know where she got the

"I didn't have to pay for it, that's all I know," he said. "Whenever I

see her, she says, 'Dad can you give me a couple of hundred. (But) I didn't have to pay for the boobs.

METRO NEWS

### Dad didn't buy boobs Mistrial plot thickens

maker who caused a mistrial in the John Travolta extortion case has been ordered to appear before the judge to explain why he announced an acquittal before the jury had declared a verdict, officials said vesterday.

Picewell Forbes was summoned to explain his remarks in a televised speech to a political party that prompted the judge to dismiss jurors after a month of testimony, two court officials told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue. Judge Anita Allen

to order a new trial because Forbes' remarks Wednesday night gave the appearance that information had been leaked from the jury room.

Travolta flew to the Bahamas to take the stand twice against former Bahamian Sen. Pleasant Bridgewater and a paramedic accused of trying extort

ing his autistic son's death at the family home in Grand Bahama last January. Bridgewater resigned her Senate seat after she was charged. Forbes, who the officials

said was scheduled to appear before the judge today, did not respond to requests for comment.

Anthony McKinney, an attorney for the lawmaker, told a local radio his client was merely repeating a rumour.

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### **Celebrity tweets**

Lance Armstrong has a tough time with his antidopina blood test. something something, Nicole Richie leads a pretty exciting life, and Kirstie A has a plan to make herself more interesting.

@lancearmstrong Glad to see USADA brought the rank amateurs to do the blood draw. Arms look like a junkie now and they didn't get their sample. Lame.

• Onicolerichie

Going to spend my evening watching Melrose Place. Who's with me?

I am boring myself to death. It must be hell for all

**Photog lawsuit** 

settles with Brit

NO DETAILS Another court

battle is done for Britney

Spears, who settled a law-

suit with a photographer

who claimed she ran over

his foot in 2007. A notice

of settlement was filed in

L.A. earlier this week, according to People magazine, though the terms of the agreement

were not released. The

of you. I'm going to go slug myself in the liver until I'm more interestina..later..

### **Boyfriend dishes on dating Carrie**

SUITE TALK What's it like dating an American Idol? Ottawa Senators hockey star Mike Fisher says he and girlfriend Carrie Underwood "always find a way to make it work" despite their hectic schedules in a video interview with Online, magazine.com reports.

"It's been good!" Fisher, 29, says. The hockey player and the country star, 26,

Toronto about a year ago, in October," through a "friend of a friend," he explains.

His favourite song from Underwood's catalog? A track from her new album Play On Nov. called Temporary Home. "I like it when she



### Lindsay's belated bottles

NEVER TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE

Lindsay Lohan got quite a surprise while partying it up at New York club 10ak when a team of waiters approached her table hoisting champagne and sparklers and the DJ announced it was "23 bottles of Cristal for Lindsay Lohan's 23rd birthday," according to

Page Six.

Not that Lohan doesn't love a good party, but the celebration was mis-guided. "I don't know why they are doing this," she said. "My birthday is July 2nd. METRO

WORLD NEWS

### Will cleared up

**DOCUMENT** There seems to be some confusion over where Michael Jackson signed his 2002 will, since the document says he was in Los Angeles, but Randy Jackson says Michael was in New York that day. according to TMZ. Sources close to the situation claim that Michael was in fact in



### Brown admits he regrets 'every moment'

A LOT TO LEARN Chris Brown is still learning from his mistakes, femalefirst.co.uk reports

The singer gave a candid interview on US radio, where he spoke about his regret at assaulting former girlfriend Rihanna in February, and told how he is trying his best to make amends.

He said: "I'm human. If people feel a certain way, I'm not going to say they're wrong. But it's not right to judge somebody when people make mistakes all the

"I've learned from my mistakes and I'm learning from them. And I regret every moment, every second of it.'

Brown, 20, also admitted he is still not over Rihanna, and still has strong feelings for her.

He added in an interview with

New York radio station Hot 97: "We've been friends since I was like 15, we got serious when I was like 17.

"Feelings are feelings and they don't go away overnight, especially if you sit down and are like, 'Look, I'm going to really be in this relationship with you, whatever the case, past our busy schedules, past us being two of the biggest artists.' I really care about her"

METRO WORLD NEWS

### **Cruise bites back**

**REBUTTAL** Quotes from actor Bronson Pinchot saying that Tom Cruise made "constant unrelated homophobic comments" while the two worked together circulated this

responded today, telling EW, "Obvias a person, this must have been said in jest."

week. Cruise's rep

ously, this is so far removed from who Tom Cruise is METRO NEWS SERVICES





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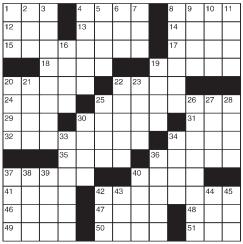






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### Take Five



#### Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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### Metro Recipe of the Day



### **Garlic Lime** Chicken

#### INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup (125 ml) lime juice 1/4 cup (50 ml) cider vine-

6 garlic cloves, minced 2 tbsp (25 ml) minced fresh oregano or 2 tsp (10 ml) dried oregano

1 tbsp (15 ml) dried coriander

2 tsp (10 ml) pepper 1 tsp (5 l) salt 1 tsp (5 l) paprika 8 bone-in chicken breast

halves 1/4 cup (50 ml) canola oil METHOD

1 In large resealable plastic bag, combine lime juice, vinegar, garlic and seasonings; add chicken.

Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

2. Discard marinade. In skillet, brown chicken on all sides in oil. Transfer to greased 15-in, x 10-in, x 1in. (38 cm x 25.5 cm x 2.5 cm) baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375 F (190 C) 30-35 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 170 F (77 C) and juices run

**SERVES 8** 

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For nutritional infor mation on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out Key Ingredients



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### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is a time of personal and professional challenges and what you decide over the next few days will have conse-

### SEPT 23-OCT 23

quences

The Sun moves into the area of your chart today that governs what you own. You need to think about consolidating what you have gained.

#### **TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21 With the Sun about to enter your opposite sign of Scorpio, a certain amount of resistance is to be expected in the weeks ahead

#### **SCORPIO** OCT 24-NOV 22

The Sun moves into your birth sign today and a busy new solar year begins. Don't worry if your energy levels are a bit low at the moment.

### **GEMINI**

On the web

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Find ways to make life easier for yourself. If you don't you could come under increasing pressure over the next few days as your workload increases.

#### **SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21**

You are not always as confident as you look and there are rea-sons to believe you have come close to cracking of late, but you are still in there fighting.

#### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making this one of the best times of the year to stretch vourself creatively.

#### **CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20**

If you need help of any kind today just ask those around you. What you do with other people will go a lot better than what you do on your own.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You need to be more sensitive to loved ones' wishes. Try to understand why they think and feel and act the way they do.

### **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
Cosmic activity in and around the career area of your chart will do your reputation a power of good over the next few

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

The pace of life is about to move up a gear. No doubt you are raring to get started on all those big ideas but pace yourself

Your number one objective now must be to maintain the highest standards of behavior, both in your personal life and in your work.



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